

ABSTRACT**AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO GENERATION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
GENERATING AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO SIGNALS**

An audio and/or video generation apparatus comprises a recording processor 5 which is operable to record audio and/or video signals on a recording medium, a meta data generation processor which is operable to generate meta data identifying the content of the audio/video signals, and a communications processor which is arranged to communicate the meta data separately from the recording medium.

Furthermore, the meta data generation processor may be operable to generate at 10 least one sample image which is representative of a video image from the recorded video signals, and to associate the sample image with an address on the recording medium at which the video image is recorded. The video and/or audio generation apparatus provides an advantage in generating and utilising meta data to facilitate the generation of audio/video productions. Accordingly, a system for generating an audio 15 and/or video production comprises an acquisition processor operable in use to receive instructions from a user which instructions are representative of a list of content items for the audio and/or video production. The audio and/or video generation apparatus is arranged in use to receive information representative of the list of content items, and to generate audio and/or video signals in accordance with the content items on the list. 20 An ingestion processor may be provided to receive the list of content items, and the audio and/or video signals and to form the audio and/or video production by associating the audio and/or video signals with the list of content items.

[Fig. 4]